What is the “age of reason” (p.5)

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What does Franklin’s goal of moral perfection suggest about the values of the time period?

What does the care with which Franklin makes his book tell you about his character?

What does the anecdote about the man with the ax reveal about Franklin’s sense of humor?

Which virtue did Franklin hope to achieve by planning each day’s activity?

According to the aphorism, what happens to a people who “live upon hope”?

In what was do the goals Franklin sets for himself and the aphorisms he wrote express values that are still widely held in America?

The Romanticism time period occurred in America from about 1800-1850. Romantic writers saw themselves as revolting against the "Age of Reason" and its values. They celebrated imagination and intuition versus reason and calculation. Romantics also valued individualism versus social conformity. Essentially, romantics believe in the natural goodness of man, that man in a state of nature would behave well but is hindered by civilization.

p. 210-224

Toqueville states, America “has produced very few writers of distinction”. Why is this of concern for the French writer in 1831?

Who are the new generation of writers?

What is the American Renaissance?

What did Americans discover as they explored the continent?

What attitudes developed toward the American Land?

How did these attitudes show up in literature?

What did nineteenth century Americans read?

What did American writers want to achieve?

Romantic writers elevated imagination over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ralph Waldo Emerson explored those truths…Clarify this statement.

What video game was created about Emily Dickinson? What did it hope to do?

How did the new literature make the American literature sound American?

What literary character types emerged during this period?

What literary themes emerged during this era?